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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Article 3, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (General Assembly resolution 351 A (IV) of 24 November 1949) provides as follows:

> "1. The Tribunal shall be composed of seven members, no two of whom may be nationals of the same State. Only three shall sit in any particular case.
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> "2. The members shall be appointed by the General Assembly for three years, and they may be reappointed; provided, however, that of the members initially appointed, the terms of two members shall expire at the end of one year and the terms of two members shall expire at the end of two years. A member appointed to replace a member whose term of office has not expired shall hold office for the remainder of his predecessor's term."

2. The present membership of the Administrative Tribunal is the following:

Mr. Chittharanjan Felix Amerasinghe (Sri Lanka)***

Mr. Julio Barboza (Argentina)**

Mr. Mayer Gabay (Israel)**

Mr. Victor Yenyi Olungu (Democratic Republic of the Congo)***

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Mr. Kevin Haugh (Ireland)*

Ms. Deborah Taylor Ashford (United States of America)*

Mr. Hubert Thierry (France)***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1998.
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3. Since the terms of office of Ms. Ashford and Mr. Haugh will expire on 31 December 1998, it will be necessary for the General Assembly at its fifty-third session to appoint two persons to fill the resulting vacancies. The persons so appointed will serve for a period of three years, beginning on 1 January 1999.

4. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly a draft decision containing the names of the persons recommended for appointment. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the fifty-third session.